

If you have questions or concerns regarding a specific issue or problem that you are having, please contact the Congressman's Portland office at 503 231 2300 or use the [contact form](#) on our website.

### **Commonly Asked Questions**

**Can the Congressman help me with questions about how to start and manage a small business,**

Yes. The Congressman has a designated staff person who works on business issues and can help point

**Can the Congressman help my business with training and technical assistance needs?**

Yes. Similar to the question above, the Congressman's designated staff can point you in the right direction

**I feel that my business qualifies as a disadvantaged, minority or women owned business. Can you**

The state and federal governments have programs to help your business succeed. The Congressman's

**I want my business to expand into the international trade market. Can the Congressman assist me**

There are state and federal programs for export assistance. The Congressman's staff can help you locate

**Can the Congressman help me obtain new business and contracts?**

The Congressman cannot directly show favoritism of one business over another and cannot financially b

**My business is hoping to obtain a government contract. Can the Congressman help me?**

While the Congressman cannot show favoritism or offer specific product endorsements to an agency, his

**For more information about federal business programs:**

[Small Business Administration](#)

[Economic Development Administration](#)

[Department of Commerce](#)

**If you are looking for state-based business resources:**

[Oregon Small Business Development Centers](#)

[Oregon Business Development Department](#) (called Business Oregon)

**If you are interested in business resources for minorities, women, and disadvantaged/emerging L**

[Oregon Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business \(OMWESB\)](#)

[Minority Business Development Agency](#)

**If you are looking for local city or county business resources:**

[Portland Economic Development Strategy](#)

[Portland Development Commission](#)

[Gresham Redevelopment Commission](#)

[Clackamas County Economic Development Commission](#)